

**Town of Brentwood**  
**Budget Committee Hearing**  
Minutes of August 29, 2011

*Present:* Elyse Seeley(Chair), Krista Steger, Malcolm Allison, Diane Vosgien(School Board Representative)

*Absent:* Tracie May, Jeff Bryan(Select Board Representative), Bill Faria, Bob Mantegari

Public present: Crystal Buswell, Donna Benshemer, & Amy Wilson - all representing the Brentwood Teachers Association

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:08PM

The Chair noted

1. There was no quorum so no voting or approvals could take place
  2. The BTA stated they were recording the session
- I. Handouts were presented and briefly discussed:
- a. A draft of the March 17 2011 minutes could not be approved due to no quorum.
  - b. An Article “Congratulations on Your Election to Local Office” from the June 2011 issue of NH Town and City... Budcomm Members (old and new) are encouraged to read it.
  - c. Checklist: Public Board Meetings and Minutes according to NH Right-To-Know Law: RSA Chapter 91-A...Budcomm Memembrs are encouraged to read and understand the ramifications of the Law, as it does apply to the Budcomm.
  - d. Pelham Budget Committee By Laws. At the March meeting we had discussed establishing bylaws or procedures for Brentwood Budget Committee since we have none at this time. Elyse asks members to review the Pelham document with the idea in mind of using it as a model and comment/modify it in writing by the next meeting.
  - e. 2012 Season Budget Committee Contact list. Elyse asks each Budcomm Member to review it and update as necessary.
  - f. Diane provided the Brentwood School District Financial Summary FY2011. The last page had \$96,862 deducted (longhand) leaving a surplus of \$16,979. Diane agreed to check on the \$96,862 with the preparer to identify the reason for the deduction, and report back.
  - g. Malcolm provided a copy of a past Exeter News Letter article “Teacher Pay must be Equitable” by Luke Pickett, a member of the Stratham School Board, for general budgetary information.

## II. Other Business

After some discussion, the 2011 Budcomm Meeting schedule was established:

September 26, October 3, October 17, November 7, November 21, December 5 and December 19.

Elyse posted these dates at the town office and will send a copy to the publisher of the Brentwood Newsletter.

All are invited to attend the 2011 Budget and Finance Workshop to be held in Manchester on Sept 20 2011 put on by Local Government Center.

Diane, Krista, and Malcolm asked to be registered.

Any other members interested should advise Elyse ASAP.

No public Comments or questions.

Next Meeting is Monday September 26, 2011 7:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Malcolm Allison acting Recorder